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SUBJECT: GRANFIL'S CALL ON SECRETARY

1. DURING CALL AT HIS INITIATIVE ON SECRETARY AUGUST 27, YUGO LAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO PRE-SE;T A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TITO TO PRESIDENT FORD IN ANSWER TO LATTER'S MESSAGE OF AUGU;T 10. SUMMARIZ-ING CONTENTS OF MESSAGE, GRANFIL SAID TITO WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT PRESIDENT WOULD FOLLOW POLICY OF FRIENDLY, GOOD RELATIONS AND MUTUAL COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA. ACCORD-ING TO GRANFIL, TITO STRESSED IN MESSAGE THAT STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF EQUITABLE COOPERATION WITH THE US WAS A DURABLE ELEME T IN THE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNED YUGOSLAVIA. TITO ALSO WELCOMES PRESIDENT'S REMARKS THAT THE US WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO STRUCTURE OF PEACE AND WILL STRIVE TOWARD THE GOAL OF WORLD PEACE. IN LETTER TO PRESIDENT, GRANFIL SAID, TITO RECALLS WITH SATISFACTION THE VERY GOOD CONTACTS HE HAD WITH FORMER PRESIDENTS AND INVITES PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA.

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2. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD AND A FORMAL ANSWER WOULD BE GIVEN. HE SAID THE PRESIDENT IN PRINCIPLE WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA BUT THERE WOULD BE NO POSSIBILITY OF DOING SO BEFORE THE SECOND HALF OF NEXT YEAR. WHEN GRANFIL MENTIONED PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO VISIT ROMANIA, SECRETARY SAID

ACCEPTANCE WAS IN PRINCIPLE ONLY AND IF THE PRESIDENT GOES TO ROMANIA HE WILL CERTAINLY GO TO YUGOSLAVIA. HE STRESSED THERE WAS NO PLANNING DATE FOR ROMANIA.

3. REFERRING TO YUGOSLAV INVITATION TO HIMSELF, SECRETARY SAID HE WAS BEGINNING TO PLAN A TRIP TO INDIA AND MIGHT STOP IN YUGOSLAVIA ON THE WAY BACK. SUCH A VISIT MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER FOR A DAY. SECRETARY LEFT IT TO YUGOSLAVS TO DETERMINE WHERE STOPOVER SHOULD BE, I.E. IN DUBROVNIK, ELSEWHERE ON ADRIATIC COAST, OR IN BELGRADE. GRANFIL SAID SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN VISITING YUGOSLAVIA WAS GOOD NEWS.

4. GRANFIL ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY HAD ANY GOOD NEWS ABOUT CYPRUS AND REFERRED TO WALDHEIM'S RECENT VISIT IN THE AREA AND YUGOSLAV FONMIN'S VISIT. HE ALSO REFERRED TO MINIC TALK WITH AMBASSADOR TOON AUGUST 23. SECRETARY SAID THAT SITUATION MIGHT BE RIPE FOR MEDIATION IN ANOTHER COUPLE OF WEEKS. US DOES NOT HAVE ANY PARTICULAR ORIENTATION AND IS WILLING TO HELP BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION.

5. GRANFIL ASKED FOR SECRETARY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WAS TALKING TO THE ARABS AND WILL TALK TO THE ISRAELIS. HE WAS SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD A SOLUTION AND WAS HOPEFUL THAT THESE TALKS WOULD BE HELPFUL.

6. IN REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 3, EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION. KISSINGER

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